

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 5, 9 and 25-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami (US 6,993,092). Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami in view of Krishnamoorthy (US 6,490,270). Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami in view of Krishnamoorthy and Moon (US 2003/0021240). Claims 21-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami in view of Krishnamoorthy and Shahar (US 2003/0002495). Claims 17-20, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 17-20 have been appropriately rewritten and the remaining claims have been cancelled.

Allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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